

Chesterfield, NH



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Selectmen, Town Hall, and Assessors: Monday to Thursday, 8-4, Friday, 9-12; Town Clerk: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-1 and 4-7, last Saturday each month by appointment; Tax Collector: Monday, 2-6

Cheshire
Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA
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Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

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Incorporated: 1752

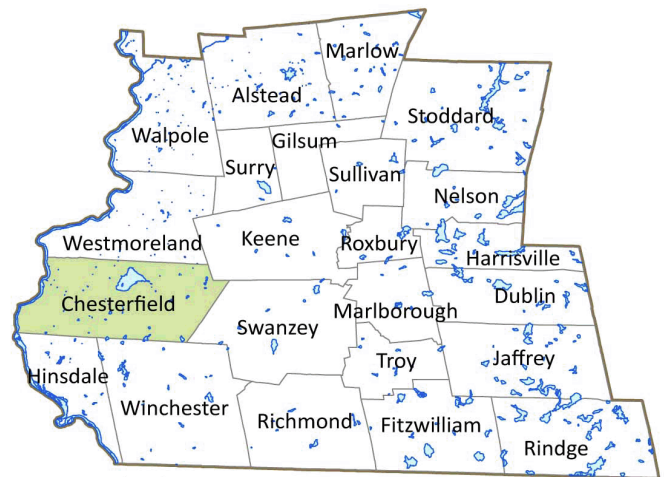
Origin: Established in 1735 while New Hampshire was still under governance of Massachusetts, this town was the site of Fort Number 1 in the line of protective trading forts bordering the Connecticut River. After New Hampshire became an independent province under Governor Benning Wentworth, the town was incorporated in 1752 as Chesterfield, after Philip Stanhope, fourth Earl of Chesterfield. The Earl served as Secretary of State and joined William Pitt in opposing what they considered England's unfair treatment of the American Colonies. Chesterfield was the birthplace of Harlan Fiske Stone, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from 1941 to 1946.

Villages and Place Names: Spofford, West Chesterfield

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,905 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Chesterfield totaled 1,749 over 50 years, from 1,817 in 1970 to 3,566 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population declined by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Chesterfield was 3,634 residents, which ranked 103rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 79.7 persons per square mile of land area. Chesterfield contains 45.6 square miles of land area and 2.0 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Type of Government | | Selectmen | |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021 | | \$4,948,368 | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022 | | \$8,965,731 | |
| Zoning Ordinance | | 1956/22 | |
| Master Plan | | 2016 | |
| Capital Improvement Plan | | Yes | |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | | Planning Board | |
| Boards and Commissions | | | |
| Elected: | Selectmen; Budget; School; Library; Cemetery | | |
| Appointed: | Planning; Zoning; Conservation | | |
| Public Library | Chesterfield Public | | |
| EMERGENCY SERVICES | | | |
| Police Department | | Full-time | |
| Fire Department | | Volunteer | |
| Emergency Medical Service | | Volunteer | |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | | Distance | Staffed Beds |
| Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT | | 9 miles | 47 |
| Cheshire Medical Center, Keene | | 14 miles | 94 |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| Electric Supplier | | Eversource Energy | |
| Natural Gas Supplier | | None | |
| Water Supplier | | Private wells | |
| Sanitation | | Private septic | |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | | No | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | | None | |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | | No | |
| Recycling Program | | Mandatory | |
| Telephone Company | | Consolidated Communications | |
| Cellular Telephone Access | | Yes | |
| Cable Television Access | | Yes | |
| Public Access Television Station | | No | |
| High Speed Internet Service: | | Business | Yes |
| | | Residential | Yes |
| PROPERTY TAXES | | (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration) | |
| 2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | | \$19.42 | |
| 2022 Equalization Ratio | | 75.7 | |
| 2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | | \$14.65 | |
| 2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | | | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | | 90.0% | |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | | 8.3% | |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | | 1.6% | |
| HOUSING | | (ACS 2017-2021) | |
| Total Housing Units | | 1,892 | |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | | 1,746 | |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | | | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | | 94 | |
| Five or More Units in Structure | | 0 | |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | | 52 | |

| POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) | | (US Census Bureau) | |
|--|---------|---|------------|
| Total Population | | Community | County |
| 2022 | 3,634 | | 77,350 |
| 2020 | 3,552 | | 76,458 |
| 2010 | 3,604 | | 77,117 |
| 2000 | 3,554 | | 73,993 |
| 1990 | 3,080 | | 70,223 |
| 1980 | 2,561 | | 62,116 |
| DEMOGRAPHICS | | AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021 | |
| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 2,049 | Female | 1,513 |
| Population by Age Group | | | |
| Under age 5 | | | 160 |
| Age 5 to 19 | | | 689 |
| Age 20 to 34 | | | 515 |
| Age 35 to 54 | | | 780 |
| Age 55 to 64 | | | 537 |
| Age 65 and over | | | 881 |
| Median Age | | | 45.7 years |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: | | 2,668 | |
| High school graduate or higher | | | 93.6% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | | | 40.8% |
| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ | | (ACS 2017-2021) | |
| Per capita income | | | \$45,245 |
| Median family income | | | \$104,693 |
| Median household income | | | \$86,635 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | | | |
| Male | | | \$58,813 |
| Female | | | \$52,201 |
| Individuals below the poverty level | | | 6.5% |
| LABOR FORCE | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average | 2012 | | 2022 |
| Civilian labor force | 2,010 | | 1,860 |
| Employed | 1,915 | | 1,807 |
| Unemployed | 95 | | 53 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.7% | | 2.8% |
| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2012 | | 2022 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | 166 | | 114 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$1,091 | | \$1,423 |
| Service Providing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | 1,008 | | 1,216 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 878 | | \$1,147 |
| Total Private Industry | | | |
| Average Employment | 1,175 | | 1,330 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 908 | | \$1,170 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | | |
| Average Employment | 138 | | 129 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 579 | | \$ 767 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | | |
| Average Employment | 1,313 | | 1,459 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 873 | | \$1,135 |
| If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards. | | | |

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Chesterfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE**

District: **SAU 29**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools | 1 | | | |
| Grade Levels | K 1-8 | | | |
| Total Enrollment | 263 | | | |

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Antioch New England**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **20**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| United Natural Foods | Food warehouse | | 1988 |
| Ames Performance | Classic Pontiac Parts Distributor | 23 | 2008 |
| Fed Ex Ground | Package delivery service | 28 | 2008 |
| Foard Panel | Wall panel construction | | 1988 |
| Thomas Companies | Construction, drilling, & blasting | 65 | 1971 |
| Westfield Construction | Construction | 15 | 1996 |
| Chesterfield Tire | Tire sales and service | 13 | 1998 |
| Tire Warehouse | Tire sales & service | | 1990 |
| Perkins Home Center | Home lumber supply | 45 | 1988 |

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

| TRANSPORTATION (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>) | | | | RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS | |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Road Access | US Routes | | | Municipal Parks | |
| | State Routes | 9, 9A, 63 | | YMCA/YWCA | |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | | I-91 (VT), Exit 3 | | Boys Club/Girls Club | |
| | Distance | 6 miles | | Golf Courses | |
| Railroad | | No | | Swimming: Indoor Facility | |
| Public Transportation | | No | | Swimming: Outdoor Facility | |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | | | | Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility | |
| Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey | Runway | 6,201 ft. asphalt | | X | Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility |
| Lighted? Yes | Navigation Aids? | Yes | | Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility | |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | | | | Bowling Facilities | |
| Manchester-Boston Regional | Distance | 67 miles | | Museums | |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | | 4 | | Cinemas | |
| Driving distance to select cities: | | | | Performing Arts Facilities | |
| Manchester, NH | | 78 miles | | Tourist Attractions | |
| Portland, Maine | | 170 miles | | Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H) | |
| Boston, Mass. | | 110 miles | | X | Youth Sports: Baseball |
| New York City, NY | | 204 miles | | X | Youth Sports: Soccer |
| Montreal, Quebec | | 248 miles | | X | Youth Sports: Football |
| | | | | X | Youth Sports: Basketball |
| | | | | X | Youth Sports: Hockey |
| | | | | X | Campgrounds |
| | | | | X | Fishing/Hunting |
| | | | | X | Boating/Marinas |
| | | | | X | Snowmobile Trails |
| | | | | X | Bicycle Trails |
| | | | | X | Cross Country Skiing |
| | | | | X | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area |
| | | | | X | Overnight or Day Camps |
| | | | | Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Ascutney (VT) | |
| | | | | Other: Chesterfield Gorge; Pisgah State Park | |
| COMMUTING TO WORK (<i>ACS 2017-2021</i>) | | | | | |
| Workers 16 years and over | | | | | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | | 73.3% | | | |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | | 7.5% | | | |
| Public transportation | | 0.0% | | | |
| Walked | | 2.3% | | | |
| Other means | | 2.0% | | | |
| Worked at home | | 15.0% | | | |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | | 20.6 minutes | | | |
| Percent of Working Residents | | | | | |
| Working in community of residence | | 28.4% | | | |
| Commuting to another NH community | | 38.5% | | | |
| Commuting out-of-state | | 33.1% | | | |